

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA MEETING  
MINUTES  
MAY 11, 2022**

The Chippewa Township Board of Supervisors held their monthly Agenda Meeting at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 2022. Present were Chairman Jim Bouril, Supervisor Dan Woodske, Supervisor Bryan Wright, Manager Mark Taylor, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Rich Bebout, Code Enforcement Officer Dawna Pella, and Administrative Assistant Cindy Clark.

Chairman Bouril brought the meeting to order.

**VISITORS**

Police Chief Eric Hermick, Recreation Director Lauren Doyle, Road Foreman Eric Chaffee, Dorinda Roberts from Representative Marshall's office, Ken Meverden of the Sanitary Authority, and Jon and Craig Denman of Edward Jones Investments attended.

**MANAGER**

Township Manager Mark Taylor had the following items for discussion or action:

1. COG Spring Commodities Contracts:

Manager Taylor provided Spring Commodities Contracts from Lindy Paving, Inc., Midland Asphalt Materials, Inc., and Reed Oil Company for the Supervisors. He added that McClymond's did not get a chance to bid on the COG, but we will go through COSTARS with them. He said they have been very reliable. He said that this can be handled next week.

2. Refuse and Recycling Contract:

Manager Mark Taylor had provided the Supervisors with our present Refuse and Recycling Contract, as it is up this year. He needs to know if the Supervisors want to go out to bid or not. There is an option with the present company and we need to notify them as to what we want to do. The contract has also been forwarded to Solicitor Steele to look over. He mentioned that Joe no longer works for Valley Waste and someone else has taken over. He said they have indicated that they would like to bid again, so there is definitely competition between the companies. The Supervisors had several questions and there was some discussion on this subject. The Manager brought up the cost of fuel. Manager Taylor added that when talking to the present hauler, they have expressed that they would like to extend pick-ups to four days. He said several years ago Chippewa only had one day pick-up but that had disadvantages due to vehicle break-downs. Presently it is a three-day schedule. Manager Taylor said that there are several things in the contract that need to be discussed, including the number of years that the contract will encompass. He said he can see what other communities are doing, and see what works best for both the company and Chippewa Township.

3. Steve Dillon Request Letter:

Mr. Dillon would like to purchase a right-of-way that is owned by Chippewa Township. He has maintained the Township property as long as he has lived there and has now asked to purchase it from the Township. It is off of Lipinwood Drive. Manager Taylor forwarded the request to Solicitor Shannon Steele. He said he sees no reason to keep this land and said that an easement could be considered.

4. Requests from Chief Eric Hermick:

Chief Hermick asked for permission to place former officer Brad Gicopoulos back on the Township roster as a part-time police officer. Officer Herczak is leaving the department soon. The Chief said that Officer Gicopoulos is already trained and is in the Township programs and systems.

**MR. WRIGHT MOVED** to grant permission to Chief Hermick to re-hire Brad Gicopoulos as a part-time police officer. Mr. Woodske seconded the motion and with no further discussion, the motion carried.

Chief Hermick said that he has been working on a promotion system for the department. He would like permission to establish a promotion list at no cost to the Township.

**MR. WOODSKE MOVED** to grant permission to Chief Hermick to move forward with the promotion system. Mr. Wright seconded the motion and after he asked a few questions the motion carried.

5. War Memorial Project:

Manager Taylor provided the Supervisors with a new drawing of the War Memorial Project. He feels the Township can pay for \$2000 worth of landscaping for the project as our contribution. He said that work on the project should begin in June.

6. Fitness Courts:

Manager Taylor said that another conference call regarding the proposed Township fitness courts was held yesterday. He said he has sent information to Solicitor Steele to see how this equipment can legally be purchased. He is expecting a recommendation from her.

7. Baseball Field Score Boards Field 1 Foul Poles:

Mark Taylor said that the organization purchased actual foul poles and the Township installed them. He said they look great. He said they have done a good job with fund-raising and getting sponsors and will work together to get the scoreboard installed.

8. Department Reports:

A. Police:

Chief Hermick has submitted the monthly Police Department Report for next week's meeting and said he will be happy to answer questions about the report if there are any.

B. Street:

Eric Chaffee has submitted his monthly report for the Regular Meeting.

C. Recreation:

Lauren Doyle gave the Supervisors a written report and updated them on recreation activities. She said some very large tournaments will be held at our facilities this year. 1100 participants are expected at some of the lacrosse events. She said that this year they are charging \$5 per car for parking and this will generate additional revenue for the Township. Community Day will take place on July 9<sup>th</sup>. A garden party will be held at Sahli Park.

Manager Taylor said that a date will be set for the Supervisors to tour the parks with Lauren Doyle. There are many items that need to be discussed

D. Code Enforcement:

Dawna Pella had nothing to report but said her activities will change when the weather changes.

E. Sanitary Authority:

Ken Meverden updated the Supervisors on projects including the one in South Beaver, and a replacement at the plant

**MISCELLANEOUS**

Jon Denman, of Edward Jones Investments, spoke about the economy, inflation, etc. and said that the Township's portfolio is balanced. Craig Denman, also of Edward Jones, provided additional information, numbers, and market conditions, and reiterated the fact that they are balanced and will likely rebound when the overall economy rebounds.

**SUPERVISORS' MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Supervisor Woodske said that the Supervisors did meet with the Fire Department as requested a few months ago and are continuing to work with them to help them improve their services to the Township. Chairman Bouril said that everything seems to be positive on both sides.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to come before the Board, the meeting ended at 10:27 a.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

